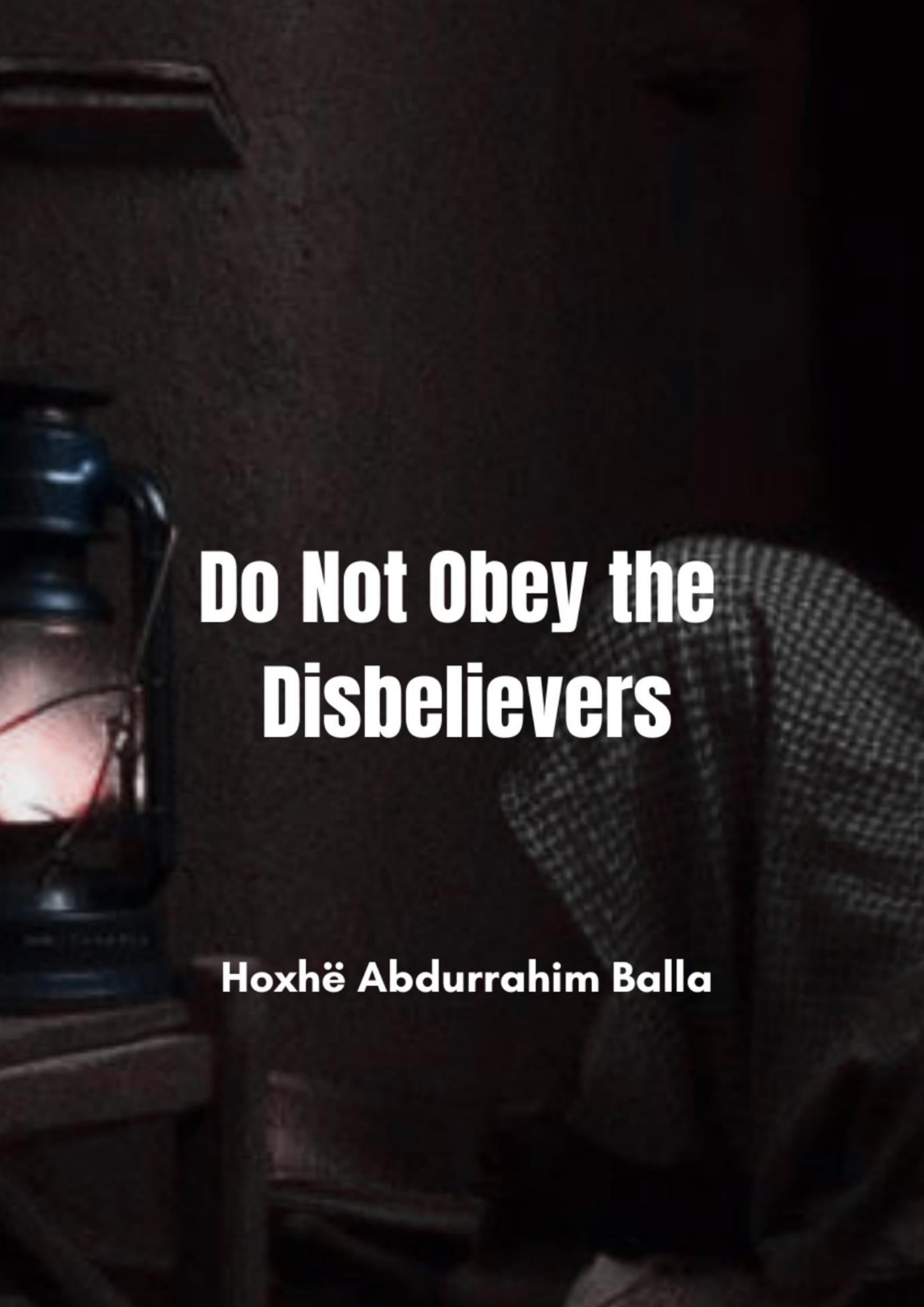




Do Not Obey the Disbelievers

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Only someone who is not a believer hates the laws of Allah.

Allah says in the Qur'ān:

لَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِيْٓ أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

He says: **{But no, by your Lord, they will not believe until they make you judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves...} (4:65)**

Meaning: that they accept the laws of the Messenger ﷺ.

Allah the Exalted says to the Messenger ﷺ: **“But no, by your Lord, they will not believe...”**

Allah the Exalted has declared their faith invalid until they take the Messenger ﷺ as a judge.

{...and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in full submission.} (4:65)

If they do not accept the judgment of the Messenger ﷺ, or feel discomfort—meaning they dislike it, they dislike the judgment of Allah and His Messenger ﷺ—then they are not believers in the sight of Allah. Because they hate the truth.

And one of the characteristics of the hypocrites, as mentioned by the scholars based on the evidences of the Qur'ān and the Sunnah, is the trait of hating the truth.

The hypocrite hates the truth; he hates the laws of Allah—either all of them or some of them.

This is also a trait of the disbelievers, and the hypocrites have inherited this trait from them.

Allah says in the Qur'ān:

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَتَعْسًا لَّهُمْ وَأَضَلَّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ

He says: **{But those who disbelieve—for them is misery, and He will waste their deeds.} (47:8)**

لَكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَرِهُوا مَا أُنْزِلَ اللَّهُ فَأُحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُهُمْ

{That is because they disliked what Allah has revealed, so He rendered worthless their deeds.} (47:9)

This verse shows that the person who hates what Allah has revealed is among the disbelievers, about whom Allah has said: **“for them is misery.”**

If a person claims to be a believer but hates the truth—or part of the truth, or some of the laws that Allah the Exalted has revealed—then inwardly he is among the disbelievers, even if outwardly he seems to be a believer.

People change over time in the types of laws they hate. At one time they may hate certain laws; later, they hate others, depending on the era in which they live.

A true believer says, “This is the law of Allah, and I accept it, even though Allah has ordained it with His own wisdom.”

Whereas the one who harbors hypocrisy in his heart says, “I do not accept this kind of law. How is it possible that Allah would impose this kind of law on us?”

ءَالله خَيْرٌ أَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

{Is Allah better or what they associate with Him?} (27:59)

Meaning: idols.

Is the law of Allah better, or the law of those who have set it with their own minds?

Therefore, it is the duty of the believer to submit to the law of Allah without hatred in the heart and without rejecting it, because rejection is hypocrisy.

A person who does not agree with the law of Allah and hates it possesses a trait of hypocrisy. May Allah protect us from hypocrisy.

Muhammad ibn Abdulwahhab, may Allah have mercy on him, stated in the fifth of the ten nullifiers of Islam that a person who hates one of the laws—or all the laws—that Allah the Exalted has revealed has left the religion of Islam.

Another trait of the hypocrites is obeying those who hate the law of Allah. Meaning: obeying the disbelievers and the hypocrites leads a person into hypocrisy.

The proof for this is the statement of Allah in the Qur’ān:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ارْتَدُّوا عَلَىٰ أَدْبَارِهِمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْهُدَىٰ الشَّيْطَانُ سَوَّلَ لَهُمْ وَأَمْلَىٰ لَهُمْ

Allah the Exalted says: **{Indeed, those who reverted back to disbelief after guidance had become clear to them—Shayṭān enticed them and prolonged hope for them.} (47:25)**

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لِلَّذِينَ كَرَهُوا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ سَنُطِيعُكُمْ فِي بَعْضِ الْأَمْرِ

{That is because they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down: “We will obey you in part of the matter.”} (47:26)

Simply because they said to those who hate the law of Allah, **“We will obey you,”** Allah declared their faith invalid and nullified their belief. This is the word of Allah.

Allah the Exalted has forbidden us in the Qur’ān from obeying the disbelievers and the hypocrites, because this is one of the traits of the hypocrites.

The duty of the believer is to obey the commands of Allah and the commands of the Prophet ﷺ.

Allah the Exalted has forbidden obedience to the disbelievers in many verses of the Qur'ān.

For example:

وَلَا تُطِيعْ مَنْ أَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهُ عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا

{And do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance...} (18:28)

He also says:

فَلَا تُطِيعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَجَاهِدْهُمْ بِهِ جِهَادًا كَبِيرًا

{So do not obey the disbelievers, and strive against them with it a great striving.} (25:52)

“Do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless.”

“Do not obey the disbelievers.”

He also says regarding parents:

وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا

{But if they strive to make you associate with Me that of which you have no knowledge, do not obey them.} (29:8)

“Do not obey them.”

Allah the Exalted also says to His Prophet ﷺ:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَلَا تُطِيعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ

He says: {O Prophet, fear Allah and do not obey the disbelievers and the hypocrites.} (33:1)

He also says:

وَلَا تُطِيعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَدَعْ أَذْلَهُمْ

{And do not obey the disbelievers and the hypocrites and disregard their annoyance...} (33:48)

Meaning: do not pay attention to their efforts.

Allah the Exalted also says:

فَلَا تُطِيعِ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ

{Then do not obey the deniers.} (68:8)

وَدُّوا لَوْ تُدْهِنُ فَيُدْهِنُونَ

{They wish that you would compromise with them, so they might compromise with you.} (68:9)

وَلَا تُطِيعِ كُلَّ حَالِفٍ مَّهِينٍ

{And do not obey every worthless habitual swearer.} (68:10)

